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THE OBSERVATOR.

...News from Prince Eugene. *The* Review *and* Rehearſal *Obſerv'd. The Queen of* Eng*...land's Right to the Province of* Normandy. *Remarks thereon. The* Country-man *En...counters the* Rehearſal.

From **Saturday** July the 20th, to **Wednesday** July the 24th, 1706.

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MAſter, I have got ſome *Brave* News from a *Brave* General, Prince *Eugene* of ...oy, but I muſt ſay nothing of it, if I do, then ...e *Rehearſal* will ſay *That I ſpeak againſt the* ...ke *of* Marlborough. Prince *Eugene* he ſays, ...a Frenchman *and a* Papiſt. And I ſay that ...e *Rehearſer* is an *Iriſhman*, and a *Simpleton*. ...e ſays, Maſter, *That you and others are vex'd at ...nt that he ſays any thing of the Duke of* Marl...rough.

Obſ. Any one that has the leaſt Reſpect for ...at great General would be vex'd at Heart to ...ve him commended by a *Nonjuror*; it looks as ...he were hired by the Enemies of our Country ...*Villifie* his Grace, for all the Commendatory ...ragraphs of ſuch a *Scribbler* are the ſevereſt ...tyrs, and that Man is leaſt expos'd to Suſpi...on that has the *Rehearſals* ill Word; but, *Ro...y*, we will ſet Mr. *Rehearſal* aſide a little, and ...nſider what Mr. *Review* ſays; *Nonſenſe* and ...rgery muſt give Place to *Argument* and *Reaſon*; ...e Debate betwixt Mr. *Review* and my ſelf is ...o Quarrel, but a Conteſt who ſhall contrive ...e beſt Methods for the good of our Country, ...d give the beſt Reaſons for what we advance.

The *Review* will not have the *French* King ...epoſed, and the *Obſervator* will have him De...os'd; that is, they tell the World what is their ...inion, but 'tis not in their *Power* to do any ...ing in the Caſe more than *Scribble*.

Now, in Submiſſion to the *Review*'s better ...dgment, I ſuppoſe this War was founded up...n the *Depoſing Point*; I am ſure the Event has ...ov'd it, for we have actually Depoſed one *Ty...nt*, that had Uſurp'd and Taken into his ...oſſeſſion the large Kingdom of *Spain*; and this ...as done by Force of Arms, without the meet...g of their *Cortez*, or *Parliament*; ſo that the *...ereditary Right* took Place there.

Now, why it ſhould not take Place in *France* ...s well as *Spain* is the Queſtion. The *French* ...ing has no better Title to *France* than *Anjou* ...d to *Spain*: Any Body has as good a Title ...*Lewis* XIV. And if *Hereditary Right* muſt ...ke Place, and there be a Rightful Heir, why ...ould not he be put into Poſſeſſion of that ...ight, if it be in the Power of the Confederates ...to do?

If we make an Abſolute Conqueſt of *France* ...ere is no Neceſſity of Diſpoſſeſſing the Natives ...f their Tenures and Rights of Inheritance; ...ey'll be in Poſſeſſion of their *Property*, only ...nder *Fealty* and *Homage* to their Leige Lord ...nd Soveraign. The alteration of the Perſon ...overning, does not alter the *Conſtitution* of the ...Country, or the *Property* of the Governed.

And we may give part of *France* to our *Sol...iery*, after a Conqueſt, without doing any In...juſtice to the Natives, ſince what we give 'em ſhall be our own, and that by Right of Inheritance.

I ſhan't here diſpute the Queen of *Englands* Title as Queen of *France*, but any one muſt conclude She does not wear that Title for nothing, not only as a Feather, or Ornament in the Crown of *England*. I could ſay much on this Head, but will come as cloſe Home to the Point as may be, and then ſee whether our Soldiers may'nt expect ſome of the Territories of *France*.

The Dukedom of *Normandy*, one of the largeſt and beſt Provinces of *France*, does belong to the Queen of *England*, it is Her Right as Queen, it is the Crown-Lands of *England*, under as ſure and undoubted Right as any of the Crown-Lands here. *William* Duke of *Normandy* being King of *England*, made that Addition to the Crown-Lands. When a Prince becomes King of *England*, all that he before had in Poſſeſſion is annext to the Crown. We have no Kings Lands in *England*, whatever belongs to the King belongs to the Crown, and muſt deſcend to his Succeſſors, for no King of *England* can alienate.

Now the Dukedom of *Normandy* has belong'd to the Crown of *England* for above five Hundred Years; and tho' by Force and Fraud the Kings and Queens of this Realm have been kept out of Poſſeſſion of that Part of it on the *Terra Firma* of *France*, yet the Iſlands of *Jerzey*, *Guernzey*, *Sarke* and *Aldernay*, part of the Dukedom of *Normandy*, have been in Poſſeſſion of the Kings and Queens of *England* ever ſince *William* the *Norman*.

Theſe Iſlands are as much under the Government of Her Majeſty as any other part of Her Dominions. 'Tis true the Natives ſpeak their Mother Tongue, are Governed by the Laws and Cuſtoms of *Normandy*, but no Definitive Sentence can be given there without Appeal, and this Appeal does not come to any of our Great Courts in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, but to the Queen, and is heard and determined by a Committee of Her Council, and upon hearing, any Decree may be revers'd by the Queen, upon the Advice of Her Council.

The Courts of Juſtice, in the Iſlands, are called *Royal Courts*, as holding from the Queen. Her Majeſty has there a Perſon call'd her *Procurer*, which, if I miſtake not his Office, acts as Her *Attorney-General*. She has Her Receivers in the Iſlands, Her Cuſtomers, that look after Trade: And if ever a King or Queen happens to come to thoſe Iſlands, they have particular Homage and Fealty done 'em by the Inhabitants according to their Tenures of Fees, Fites, Lordſhips, and other Royalties.

As to Religion, they are under the *Eccleſiaſtical* Government of the Biſhop of *Wincheſter*, yet

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are not a part of *England*, and ſending no Members to our Parliament, they are not Taxed by Them.

Now would it not be a Glorious Thing, *Roger*, for Her Majeſty to recover the *Whole* of what Her Predeceſſors could keep but a *Part?* And if it be Her due, why ſhould She not have it, ſince the whole Confederacy are at Law with the *French* King for his unjuſt Acquiſitions? I don't know that any of Her Majeſties Anceſtors, Kings or Queens of *England*, have made any Diſclamour or Renunciation of their Right to that Province, and their having Part in Poſſeſſion, is a Proof that the whole is their due; and I think the Queen of *England* may as well put in Her *Claim of Right* as well as other Princes, who are now Suing for Recovery of their Antient Territories.

Nor did we gain ſo much by the *Norman* as ſome imagine, had we the Dukedom of *Normandy* in Poſſeſſion; for by gaining that we loſt a better Province. *William* (for fear he ſhould ſometime or other be forc'd to repatriate) deſtroy'd upwards of thirty Pariſhs in *Hampſhire*, where he Planted a Forreſt, laid all the Country waſte on the Coaſt, to ſecure himſelf a Landing Place at any time from *Normandy*, it lying very Convenient for the ſame; ſo that now we have a large Tract of Land diſpeopl'd in *England*, and what we had in lieu of it, *Normandy*, loſt.

We have now an Opportunity of recovering both, if thoſe at the Helm think fit. Our Claim to *Normandy* is as clear as any can be; and if we get it, it will be no *Partition* of the *French* Kingdom, only a *Recovery* of Poſſeſſion founded upon unqueſtionable Right: We may again People that Part of *Hampſhire*, call'd, *The New-Forreſt*, and make it a Benefit to the Crown, as alſo an Advantage to the Kingdom. And the Policy of the *Engliſh* Nation, for 500 Years together, has been expos'd to Cenſure, that it has not been done before now; and I can give no Reaſon why it has not been done, but that our chief Men have loved *Veniſon.*

Country-m. Maſter, I think what you have ſaid is much to the purpoſe, if others, the Powers engaged in the Confederacy, get what was theirs before the War, and was unjuſtly taken from them by the *French* King, we ought to do the like: But here lies the Caſe, you lie under an *Evil Pen*, and thouſands of *Evil Tongues*; if you tell a Story of *Cincius Fulvius*, that was done about two thouſand Year ago, you ſpeak againſt the Duke of *Marlborough*, ſays Mr. *Rehearſal.* If you commend Prince *Eugene*, ſays the *Oaf*, he Reflects on the Duke of *Marlborough*, 'tis the ſame thing if you commend the Earl of *Peterborough*; now, Maſter, you pretend to be a *Schollard*, but I find you an't, *Cincius Fulvius* is *Latin* for the Duke of *Marlborough*, and *Normandy* is *French* for the Duke of *Marlborough*, ſo that go which way you will he has you upon a Hop, he will *Marlborough* you to ſome Tune.

Obſ. Let him go on, *Roger*, you'll find I ſhall have him upon a Hop at laſt.

Country-m. Aye, Maſter, if the Parliament will call his Number 50. to an Account, wherein he tells them they are a parcel of *Pack-Horſes*, and have no Power at all, or if the Government, we muſt ſay ſo, the Miniſtry, will call him to an Account for Proclaiming the Dangers of *Church*, and telling us how it is now Inſulted, and tening the *Diſſenters* how the *High-Church* General *High-Church Soldiers* will manage them in times of P This is no Reflection on the Duke of *Marlborough*, no means.

Maſter, we ſhan't talk much more this Night, b make a fair Propoſal to you before we go to Bed, t that you will talk no more of this Protected *Numſcu Rehearſal*, I ſay Protected, becauſe he has Written againſt the Queen and Her Government than any Ma ving, and yet was never call'd to an Account, and you have only Written in Defence of the Queens Right t Crown and the Legallity of the preſent Settlement ag *him* and *others* the Oppoſers of it, have been Proſec Ruin'd and Undone. I ſay, Maſter, you ſhall ſpeak more to this Ridiculous *Cuckoo*, but I will anſwer and the next time we meet, if nothing more materia curs, I'll ſhow him to be as meer a Ninny as ever d *Bonniclabber.*

But, Maſter, here is one thing that I can't over paſs w out Obſervation, Mr. *Rehearſal* and his Booby of a C *try-man*, part with a Health to Her Majeſty, en't th reflection on the Duke of *Marlborough*, when neither nor his *Country-man* will take the Oaths to Queen *A* Let 'em firſt take the Oaths, and then Drink Her M ſties Health; then we may think them ſincere in w they do. Maſter, 'tis a ſtrange thing that *Nonjurors*, *T ers*, and *Jacks*, ſhould Prate at this Rate, but we'll pro a Muzzle for them as well as for the *French* King.

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